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The Honorable Bradley A. Smith
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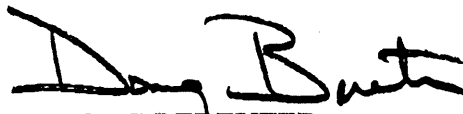
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Dear Chairman Smith:

     I have perhaps too informally attempted to gather information on the legally acceptable use of my congressional campaign funds, but I clearly need a formal opinion from the Commission. The following is the situation and questions upon which I would really appreciate the Commission's expeditious response.

     I am leaving the U.S. House of Representatives, effective August 31, 2004. The Nebraska State Republican Party has purchased a small office building in Lincoln, Nebraska, to be renovated and used as their headquarters. Recently, I have provided $5,000 from my campaign account for such remodeling and they intend to name a room in the building to honor my service.

     I would like to provide another $10,000 to $15,000 in campaign funds for that purpose. Is this permissible under FEC rules? If so, is the matter of timing of such a contribution from my campaign fund an issue – i.e., can such a contribution be made before August 31st of this year? Are there other factors I need to consider in whether such a contribution is legally acceptable?

     Thank you very much for a response to the above questions. An expedited response to this inquiry would be greatly appreciated, as the renovation is underway and I also wish to close out my campaign fund account. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

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On June 15, 2004, I contacted the office of Congressman Doug Bereuter to clarify a statement made in his AO request dated June 7, 2004. I spoke with the Congressman's Chief of Staff, Susan Olson, who stated that the funds the Congressman intends to donate will be donated directly to the Nebraska State Republican Party.